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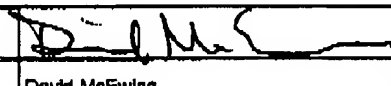
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This paper is presented as the Applicant's response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2005. The Examiner has asserted that claims 16 through 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim. The Applicant is presenting amended claims conforming to the Examiner's comments. The Applicant has also amended claims 30 through 33. It is the Applicant's position that claims 30 through 33 are now allowable. The Applicant has cancelled claims 35 through 44 and added new claims 45 through 49. No new matter has been added.